SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA .—The hon. member is stating it and we must agree.

SRI C. M. ARUMUGHAM .—Does the Government know that the K.G.F. Municipality has passed several resolutions requesting the Government to upgrade the KGF Town Municipality to a City Municipality ?

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA .—Yes, we have been receiving representations ever since 1964.

DECLARATION OF FOODGRAINS IN GULBARGA DISTRICT

797. SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR .—Kaigi .—

Will the Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies be pleased to state .—

(*a*) the total food production in Gulbarga district during the last year :

(*b*) the total quantity of foodgrains that is with the Government with following details —

(i) Total quantity of jowar
(ii) Total quantity of wheat
(iii) Total quantity of toor
(iv) Total quantity of paddy
(v) Total quantity of grams :

(*c*) whether the declaration by the stock holders of foodgrains have been received by the Government during the last year : if so, the number of declarations received and the total quantity of foodgrains declared with above particulars :

(*d*) whether there are any cases where such declarations have not been received :

(*e*) if so, the number of cases in which action has been taken ?

SMT. E. E. VAZ .—(Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies)

(*a*) 5,58,416 metric tonnts.

(*b*) 15,477 quintal as on 1st July 1972.

(i)	Jowar	...	12,196 quintals
(ii)	Wheat	...	2,767 do
(iii)	Toor	...	Nil
(iv)	Paddy	...	514 do
(v)	Grams	...	Nil

Government are not handling any stocks of toor and gram.

(c) (i) Yes.
(ii) 202.
(iii) 1,92,155 quintals :

Jowar	....	1,22,527	quintals
Wheat	...	52,417	do
*Toor	...	Nil	
Paddy	...	17,211	do
*Grams	...	Nil	

*Toor and gram do not come within the purview of the foodgrains to be declared under the Mysore Foodgrains (Declaration of Stocks) Order, 1967.

(d) and (e) There were 14 cases of which 4 have ended in confiscation of the foodgrains involved and the rest are pending decision before the concerned competent authority.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR .—The total quantity of Jowar that has been declared is 1,22,527 Quintals. Is the Government taking any actson to get this Jowar and supply it to the public ?

†SMT. E. E. VAZ .—Whatever we have secured as levy, we are distributing to the public. So far as declared stock is concerned, we have no right to take. But if there are any cases where declarations have not been made, Government will not hesitate to take action.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR .—There is acute scarcity of Jowar in Gulbarga District. Only 12 196 Quintals of Jowar are available. Under such circumstances, will Government take any action to get this declared stock of Jowar for being supplied to the public ?

SMT. E. E. VAZ .—Whatever Jowar is in stock, it is in the open market for sale. When we cannot get Jowar, we are supplying ample quantity of wheat.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR .—Has the Government taken any action to seize Jowar which has been declared up till now ?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister) .—We have given instructions to requisition Jowar wherever it is avaiiable and also to seize it. Since one week or so, 1 thousand and odd Quintals of Jowar have been seized. And this operation of requisitioning and also seizing wherever there is illegal storage, will continue ; and as far as possible we are going to do it. It may not be possible to guarantee Jowar to the people. Instead, we have guaranteed and we are going to supply wheat—as much quantity as is needed.

SRI D. B. KALMANKAR .—I wish to know whether Government has opened Check Posts to prevent foodgrains going to Maharashtra.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS .—Yes.